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Mr. Steven D. Smith
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RE: Trench Backfilling Approval - Groundwater
Migration Control System, Sauget Area 2 Site (Site R)-
St. Clair County, Illinois

Dear Mr. Smith:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed trench bottom profiles and has determined that the trench bottom between STA 14+40 and STA 17+90 has been cleaned of excess sand and backfill mixture. With this approval, Solutia is authorized to proceed with trench backfilling operation between STA 14+40 and STA 17+90.

Backfill placement should be limited to a rate that will not cause backfill to enter the portion of the trench bottom being cleaned on the southward pass. The toe of the advancing backfill should not advance into an area of the trench bottom being cleaned between STA 14+40 and STA 10+80 until soundings can be performed to verify that cleaning is complete and U.S. EPA has accepted the cleaning. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to call me at (312) 886-6840.

Sincerely,

Nabil Fayoumi
Remedial Project Manager
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cc: Thomas Martin, USEPA
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